

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5165**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5173**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, September 7th:

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia:* H. Res. 660, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 491. **Pages H5187–88**

**Accelerating Access to Capital Act:** The House passed H.R. 2357, to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Form S-3 so as to add listing and registration of a class of common equity securities on a national securities exchange as an additional basis for satisfying the requirements of General Instruction I.B.1. of such form and to remove such listing and registration as a requirement of General Instruction I.B.6. of such form, by a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 178 noes, Roll No. 493. **Pages H5188–H5201**

Rejected the Kilmer motion to recommit to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 180 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 492.

**Pages H5199–H5200**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–62 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5198**

H. Res. 844, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2357) and (H.R. 5424) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 490, after the previous question was ordered by a recorded vote of 238 yeas to 180 noes, Roll No. 489. **Pages H5178–87**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5186, H5186–87, H5187–88, H5199–H5200, and H5200–01. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### VIEWS ON H.R. 4298: VIETNAM HELICOPTER CREW MEMORIAL ACT AND H.R. 5458: VETERAN'S TRICARE CHOICE ACT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Views on H.R. 4298: Vietnam Helicopter Crew Memorial Act and H.R. 5458: Veteran’s TRICARE Choice Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Amodei; Patrick Hallinan, Executive Director, Arlington National Cemetery; and public witnesses.

### EXAMINING LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Public Health”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### RURAL CALL QUALITY AND RELIABILITY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Rural Call Quality and Reliability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FUELING TERROR: THE DANGERS OF RANSOM PAYMENTS TO IRAN

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Fueling Terror: The Dangers of Ransom Payments to Iran”. Testimony was heard from Lisa Grosh, State Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of International Claims and Investment Disputes, Department of State; Christopher R. Backemeyer, State Deputy Assistant Secretary, Iranian Affairs, Department of State; Mary McCord, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; Paul Ahern, Assistant General Counsel, Enforcement and Intelligence, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### REFORMING THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL: EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reforming the National Security Council: Efficiency and Accountability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN ENERGY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. REGIONAL PRIORITIES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and the Subcommittee on Energy of the House Committee on

Science, Space, and Technology, held a joint hearing entitled “Eastern Mediterranean Energy: Challenges and Opportunities for U.S. Regional Priorities”. Testimony was heard from Amos J. Hochstein, Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, Bureau of Energy Resources, Department of State; and Jonathan Elkind, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Department of Energy.

#### **ASIA’S GROWING HUNGER FOR ENERGY: U.S. POLICY AND SUPPLY OPPORTUNITIES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Asia’s Growing Hunger for Energy: U.S. Policy and Supply Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ON FEDERAL INFORMATION SHARING**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “State and Local Perspectives on Federal Information Sharing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3438, the “Require Evaluation before Implementing Executive Wishlists Act of 2015”. H.R. 3438 was ordered reported, as amended.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 3764, the “Tribal Recognition Act of 2015”; H.R. 4564, the “Robert Emmet Park Act of 2016”; H.R. 5032, to allow certain property in the town of Louisa, Virginia, to be used for purposes related to compliance with water quality standards, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5259, the “Certainty for States and Tribes Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 3764 and H.R. 5259. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4564 and H.R. 5032.

#### **EXAMINING FOIA COMPLIANCE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining FOIA Compliance at the Department of State”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of State officials: Patrick F. Kennedy, Under Secretary for Management; Janice Jacobs, Transparency Coordinator; Karin Lang, Director, Executive Secretariat; and Clarence N. Finney, Jr., Deputy Director for

Correspondence, Records, and Staffing Division, Executive Secretariat.

#### **STRUGGLING TO GROW: ASSESSING THE CHALLENGES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN RURAL AMERICA**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access held a hearing entitled “Struggling to Grow: Assessing the Challenges for Small Businesses in Rural America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup H.R. 5942, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration program to provide integrated care for Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease, and for other purposes; and H.R. 954, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from the individual mandate certain individuals who had coverage under a terminated qualified health plan funded through the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program. H.R. 954 and H.R. 5942 were ordered reported, as amended.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **FEDERAL DEBT**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal debt, focusing on direction, drivers, and dangers, after receiving testimony from former Senator Judd Gregg, Campaign to Fix the Debt, and Alice M. Rivlin, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

#### **ENERGY POLICY MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2016**

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House adopted versions of S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, but did not complete action thereon.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “An Examination of Federal